

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CDBG-EAP)

WHAT IS CDBG-EAP?

The Community Development Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program (CDBG-EAP) is a special program designed by the Wisconsin Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to assist local units of government in times of emergency. Funded from the Division's annual CDBG allocation, the program provides funds to address housing and community needs which occur as a direct result of natural or manmade disasters.

WHO CAN APPLY?

A local unit of government that has recently experienced a natural or manmade disaster may apply to DHCD **within 60 days of the date of the disaster** for assistance in addressing housing and infrastructure problems caused by the disaster. Generally, cities, towns, counties and villages with populations less than 50,000 and all counties except Milwaukee, Waukesha, and Dane are eligible to apply.

HOW ARE AWARD DECISIONS MADE?

DHCD staff will work closely with representatives of the local unit of government to identify how CDBG-EAP funds can best be used to address the needs caused by the disaster. The municipality will complete the CDBG-EAP application form supplied by DHCD. DHCD staff will review the application and determine which activities will be funded.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BENEFIT FROM THESE FUNDS?

Residents of the municipality awarded CDBG-EAP funds may receive assistance if their dwelling was damaged by the disaster and they qualify under program guidelines. The municipality will be required to give preference to those households with incomes at or below 80% of the county median. Funds to address the disaster's affect on local infrastructure are also available.

HOW DO THE FUNDS GET TO THE INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED THEM?

After the municipality has been awarded CDBG-EAP funds, they will announce the availability of the funds to the public. Funds will be disbursed according to the project proposal as agreed to by the Department in the most prudent and appropriate manner possible. Local staff will assist applicants in completing the required paperwork, and identifying eligible repairs.

WHAT ACTIVITIES CAN BE DONE WITH CDBG-EAP FUNDS?

CDBG-EAP funds may be used to address damage caused by the disaster. Eligible activities, dependent on the nature of the disaster, may include:

- Repair of damage to the dwelling unit, including repair or replacement of roofs or water damage. CDBG-EAP funds may be used to reimburse owners for repairs that have been made in direct response to the disaster up to 50% of the pre-market equalized assessed value.
- Acquisition and demolition of dwellings unable to be repaired.

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- Down payment and closing cost assistance for the purchase of replacement dwellings. Assistance is limited to 50% of the pre-market equalized assessed value.
- Publicly owned utility system repairs and facilities.

WHAT CANNOT BE DONE WITH CDBG-EAP FUNDS?

CDBG-EAP funds may not be used for:

- Repairs or other costs covered by insurance or other federal or state assistance.
- Cleaning.
- Replacement of furniture, food, clothing or other personal items.
- Any repairs not directly related to the disaster.

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